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POTATO PATCH CRITICS.

An effort is being made to discredit the attempt to provide the poor of Washington means to help themselves. The potato patch plan has been successfully opethose who have been given use of little tracts of land have raised vegetables enough to last them through the winter. The principle employed in carrying out this plan is that which considers poverty a condition and not a crime, and believes that if poor people are afforded opportunity to work they will gladly do so in preference to becoming objects of charity in times of depression and distress

Last winter the people who are now foremost in decrying and ridiculing the potato patch plan were loudest in demanding assistance for the poor. The charitable committees, which are now trying to devise methods to prevent a recurrence of that distress, were then appealed to in pitcous fonce to alleviate suffering. But there is a change in the sentiment, and the only plausible reason that can be urged for the somersault in opinion is best elucidated by the old traism, "When the devil was sick, the devil a saint would be; when the devil was well, the devil a saint

Any reasonable effort to provide against suffering or to promote the well-being of the poor deserves and should receive commendation. And in any event no attempt by organized charity to a saist deserving humanity should be made a subject of ridicale. It would be much more honorable to criticise to a manly spirit than to don the fool's cap and belts to speak of the actions of reputable citizens, and all interested in the welfare of the poor will be of that opinion

The potato patch plan has proved successful elsewhere and its beneficial results will be experienced by the poor of Wash

TIME FOR MISSIONARY WORK.

An Investigation shows that hundreds of colored couples are living together in this city in open defiance of the law, and that the evil is so shameful in its nature and shocking in its results as to be disgraceful to the better element of that race. Its demoralizing effect on those immediately erned is nothing compared to the rain It brings to children, and immediate steps should be taken to eradicate this evil.

Generally speaking, true reform is that which changes conditions without disturbing social relations, or materially affeeting commercial interests, for communities cannot prosper except in a peaceful atmosphere. But this is a field of labor that demands steruer methods, and these men and women who violate marriage laws should either be made to marry or abandon their shameless lives.

The social evil must be handled without gioves. It is the one offense for which there is no palliation. Nothing but severe measures will keep (twithin bounds, and the more vigor ous the treatment in dealing with its inmiduous influence the greater will be the good accomplished.

The Edmunds law provides ample means to stamp out the disgrace of unlawful social relations, and a little missionary work among those who violate it would soon convince them of their error. Couples who can live together in peace and harmony out of wedlock would enjoy real happiness in married life, and an effort should be made to convince them of this truth before they longer disgrace themselves and this com

EMERGENCY HOSPITALS. Bealth Officer Woodward has suggested to the District Commissioners that before granting the request of the staff and directors of Providence Hospital to designate it as an emergency hospital all the other hospitals should be asked if they are willing to receive emergency cases at any hour of the day and night and maintain the necessary operating room and other accessories. In conform Ity with this suggestion letters have been addressed to the managers or directors of all hospitals in the District and their re-

The hope may be expressed that favorable answers will be received from each and every one of these institutions. Fa- nerve tonic. verable action on their part would be of incalculable advantage. The hospitals are fairly well distributed, and if all agreed sufferers from accidents could be expeditiously attended to, in the present circumstances a man meeting with a minimp in Anacostia, or in the extreme northern or northwestern section of the District would have to undergo a long, wearsome and probably painful journey before being delivered over to the tender mercies of the surgeon.

By all means let the directors of the lifferent bospitals send a prompt and favorable reply to the Commi

leviation of human suffering

BRIBETAKING CONGRESSMEN.

The Times this morning publishes a ence of the last Congress that shows how useless it is for wage-carners to obtain favors from that body without paying well for their bargain. It also demonstrates the distuterestedness of a certain type of Congressmen, who are moved to duty only when the magnet bears the mpress of the United States Mint.

The shame of it all is the apparent eccessity for wage-carners to bribe legisla-There is bumiliation enough in the knowledge that some Congressmen are blackmail to obtain justice where justice is due, the diagrace is more keenly to be

It almost seems as if the entire District dealing with the last Congress was a jected on the ground of lack of time, There is no need of rehearning the various sures, nor is it necessary to recount the favors granted to street railways, the gas company, and other corporations. The

public know of these facts only too well. During the next session of Congress a more united effort should be made to promote District affairs. Cheaper gas leaguers, that at the proper moment there must be obtained, and the bills of District
citizens must be protected from lobbying,
bribe taking Congressmen. Insecuring this bribe-taking Congressmen. In securing this legislation The Times proposes to take a hand, and all it asks in return for its efforts is the good will of the public,

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

Nicaraggan embrogio has been in strict accordance with the best luterests of this ountry. At no time during the controversy between England and Nicaragua has there been necessity for our interference, nor has the spirit of the Monroe doctrine been so infringed as to require even a diplomatic remonstrance from our Department of

To insure peace and promote the goodwill of civilization this country must stand aloof from foreign complications. In no way are we under obligation to protect or defend other people, and except in an advisory capacity the United States should refose to interfere or take part in international disputes. Especially should this policy be pursued toward Central and South America, where governments change so frequently. Should we once begin to take up their quarrels, there would be no end to our trouble or limit to the arrogance of the little republics demanding our pro-

From a commercial standpoint neither to ask the United States for assistance. The bulk of their trade goes to Europe; their banks and financial systems are controlled by European syndicates, and their commercial intercourse is guided by European influence. Consequently there is no reason why we should protect them from European aggression

The Monroe doctrine is correct only so far as it refers to European conquest. It would not be good policy for the United States to allow any foreign power to ac quire territory by invasion in the Western continent. And it is only when such an armed invasion occurs that we should attempt to interfere.

TO LEXOW WASHINGTON.

It looks very much as if Congress would unearth some alleged corruptions in administering public affairs. The Anti-Saloon League, a powerful organization consisting of prominent church and temperance workers, has for some time been sifting certain-charges against District officials, and it is confidently asserted that startling developments will follow.

There is nothing new in this information Every large city has its unworthy officials and all are more or less dominated by corrupt influences. Whether or not it is serious enough in Washington to warrant a public investigation is a question for Congress to determine. But before asking for a committee the evidence should be carefully considered, and the entire matter suppressed unless the charges can be fully substantiated.

All well-meaning citizens desire to see public abuses eradicated, but they also shrink from investigations except where great public good can be accomplished. If after fully weighing all interests the Anti-Saloon Lengue believes there is official corruption of sufficient greatness to warrant an investigation. The Times will cheerfully co-operate and give material assistance.

The Hon. Lemuel Eli Quigg is now expe riencing the painful thought that it is easier to charge bribery than to collect

The depth to which poor Queen Lil has dropped out of sight can only be measured by the length of a jinge howl.

The summer vacation of Senator Hill's utterances on the silver question will prob ably last until after election.

The revolving base about to be placed under the statu eof Penn in Philadelphia is hardly in keeping with his character. Such an improvement is only appropriate for modern statesmen.

The indorsement of the proposition of Columbia Typographical Union to request the President to extend the civil service law to the Government Printing Office by the stereotypers, pressmen and electrotypers will no doubt settle the question so far as the printing office employes are concerned. The recommendation of Mr. Benedict will soon follow, and the last refuge of the spoils system will then be closed to politicians by a proclamation of

There is positively no danger of a panio because Speaker Crisp has declined the nomination for President.

the President.

It is absolutely certain that the Alexandria county officials are not in need of a

The Times stated yesterday in these colomns that the officers of the Rochdale Soriety were not salaried. This statement, it appears, is technically incorrect, although when it is considered that these fifteen officers divide only \$1,151 in annual salaries it will be seen that the Rochdale Society is co-operative to the core.

Both Damp. "Have you ever been in Venice, Mr. Wagg?"
"No," replied Mr. Wagg, "but I spent
one summer at Waterbury, Joun."Harper's Bazaar.

Congress Will Be Asked to Lexow Washington.

CORRUPTION TO BE CHARGED

The anti'saloon league expects to go before the next Congress, early in the question of bargain and sale. Legislation first session, armed with documentary that was needed for public good was re- proof to sustain charges of corruption while railroad and corporate interests ment, in support of its demand for were given nearly all they demanded. a general investigation in the interest of

of the league, has been skillfully performed, while the results have been discussed behind tightly closed doors and in executive sessi so zealously have the secrets been guarded

It has been ascertained, however, with some degree of positiveness, that the mission of the league before the excise board has not occupied attention to the interexclusion of other more weighty matters.

When the league makes its demand upon Congress for the contemplated investigation, it will be prepared, it is asserted, to

OFFICIALS ARE INVOLVED. The charges will involve more than one branch of the government and include several officials of prominence, as well as those

The league professes to have the affidavits of a number of people to substanti Central nor South America has a right are points against certain officials, and

as the proof is developed, the instant dis-missal of the offending functionary will be demanded of the Commissioners.

The leaders in this movement have tacitly admitted that what they propose to base their demand upon is of a very surprising character, and they have not denied that their programme is much more investment. their programme is much more important han appears upon the surface.
It can be saiely stated also, that noody stands ready to dispute that the
engue has entered upon a very big contract,

THE GAS METER'S REVENGE.

Being a True Tale of Two Monopolies

It will be observed that the Meter was in a most comfortable state of self-approba-

The winter of its arduous labors was over. It had just passed through the softening and purifying period of Lent, in which it had reflected upon and repeated of any sins of over-registry it had been guilty of in the long nights.

The time of the year was come when bills must be reduced, anyhow, and the Meter was conscientiously performing its duty of go-ing to be inspected. At the National Hotel quite a number of

"No, I won't, you big bluffer," re-responded the gas meter.
"Don't then," was the reply. "You're nothing but a pasty little sneak thief any

you are. It's true I may stretch things a little in my winter reports and I do shave the public occasionally by not lighting the street lamps till it's a half hour late. It's street tamps in it's a man nour rate. It's true I started not many years ago with \$50,000 and now reckon my estate at \$5,000,000. I have in addition drawn regularly an average of 10 per cent. which I have invested in large properties outside, I have had to furnish some Congressmen with gas free of charge to keep them quiet and in fact have become force substract to this with gas free of charge to keep them quiet and infact have become soaccustomed to this that I never think of registering anything in a Congressman's house. I have occasionally been forced, much against my will, to go even further than to furnish free gas to persons in power. But it is utterly unfair to assume that I am guilty of anything that is not sauctioned by ordinary business usages.

thing that is not sanctioned by ordinary business usages.

"But you! You ask the people to tear up their streets and give permanent possession of half the road."

"You cripple and maim without care for anything except your unholy profits.

"You lie and cheat, saying to the public you'll carry them to their destination and give them seats to ride in, and then run the cars on purpose so far apart that whenever there is the least crowd somebody has to stand, and frequently half a car foll are on their feet swinging to the straps while you jolt and jerk them along worse than an ox-wagon over a corduror

us you would stop this jerking, do you, liar, cheat, homicide?" The Gas Meter did not seem excited as it uttered all this. There was a faint gleam in its little, bead-like eyes as it shot

Twilight. (In Rock Creek Park.) In sylvan dells a fairy dwells, That meets me in the gloaming, And sings a tune of coming June, While Love and I are roaming.

she sings of years without sad tears. Where pleasure, ever blooming, Shall guide us right by day and night

And fair as fragrant flowers. But years are gone; lost one by one Are all the hopes we cherished; Now old and gray we kneel to pray

Leading Members Intimate That the tary Evidence That Will Cause An Upheavalin Several Departments of the City Government.

refusals of Congress to consider public | The object of the league is to wage war on rum and to lessen the number of saloons in the District, but it has been for several months quietly developing a plan for Lexowing Washington, and it has been ascertained, by words and hints dropped recently from time to time by leading

The members of the executive committee have been so learnly obligated not to divulge the details, and they have been as solemnly pledged to maintain secrecy as to the ultimate object.

tion, it will be prepared, it is asserted, to detail the particular offenses which, in its judgment, justifies an oficial over-

whom it will allege to have made large ac-

whom it will allege to have made large accumulations upon small compensation.

It is understood that the league will
have before Congress the united support
of all the local Temperance and Christian
Societies. The names of certain Congressmen are freely used, also, and their owners
quoted as friends of the Lexow proposition. A determined effort is to be made
to unify the sentiment and perfect an organization that shall be irresistible.

OPPLAINED APPLIDAVITS OBTAINED AFFIDAVITS

A Gas Meter took the cable car at the Baltimore and Ohio depot the other day to go to be inspected at the gas inspector's office. Teuth and D. It planted itself squarely in the most comfortable corner, drew up its little legs primly and disposed of its hands in the most correct attitude of well-bred repose.

lady tourists came in and everybody moved up. At Seventh street another addition was made to the crowd in the car, and two or three ladies were left standing after every gentleman, except the Gas Meter, had given up his seat. The Wash-ington and Georgetown fare register here took occasion to call down at the Gas

"Come, my little gentleman," be said, "can't you get up and let this lady have a feat?"

"I am, am 17 I'd just like to know what

se than an ox-wagon over a corduroy "You don't remember how you promised

a glance of aristocratic contempt with the last words and settled beak comfortably into its seat, leaving the ladies to stand.

Through Nature's sweet high booning. From Fairvland we take our stand And revel mid bright bowers, Where all is youth and love is truth

For loved ones rudely perished.

John A. Joyce.

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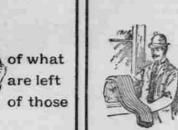
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Baltimore, May 4.—Plour quiet but firm, unchanged—receipts, 5.026 barrels; shipments, 188 barrels. Wheat dult and easy—spot and month; 69 1-2a69 3-4; June, 69 1-2 asked; July, 67 5-8a67 7-8; August, 68 asked; steamer, No. 2 red, 66 1-2a 66 3-4—receipts, 59,058 bushels; stock 264,004 bushels; slock 204,004 bushels; slock 304,000 bushels; slock 100,000 outhords; southern wheat by sample, 70a71; do, on grade, 68a71. Corn firm—spot, 54 1-2 bid; month, 54a54 1-4; July, 54 1-2a54 3-4; August, 55 bid; steamer mixed, 53 bid—receipts, 9,466 bushels; shipments, 51,429 bushels; stock, 87,783 bushels; sales, 21,400 bu shels; southern white corn, 55a56; do, yellow, 56a57. Oats firm—No. 2 white western, 37a37 1-2; No. 2 mixed, 33 1-2—receipts, 31,964 bushels; stock, 142,351 bushels. Rye quiet and steady—No. 2, 66—stock, 8,889 bushels. Hay firmer—good to choice timothy, \$13,00a \$14,00. Grain freights quiet, rater steady, unchanged. Sugar—granulated, \$4,37 per 190 pounds. Butter—fancy creamery, 20a21; do, imitation, 15a16; do, ladle, 12a13; good ladle, 9a10; store packed, 8a 10. Eggs steady—fresh, 121-2. Cheese steady—fancy New York, 11 3-4a12.

Baltimore, May 4.-Flour quiet but firm,

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